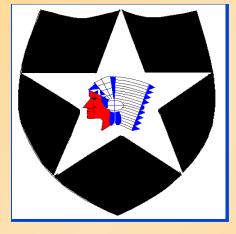
# KATUSA Program







#### **AGENDA**



- HISTORY OF KATUSA PROGRAM
- KATUSA SOLDIER MANAGEMENT & TRAINING
- KATUSA SOLDIERS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
- SUGGESTIONS
- CONCLUSION



# • Who is KATUSA?



- **KATUSA**: Korean Augmentation To US Army
  - **► ROK Army personnel** serving with the U.S ARMY
- **HISTORY** 
  - Initiated in Aug 1950 by an informal agreement between President Lee and General McArthur during the Korean War
  - The total strength was 43,660 troops. They fought bravely under the flag of the United Nations. 6,415 KATUSA soldiers died and 1,667 disappeared, and 3,283 were wounded.



### KATUSA Recruitment System



- Selection Process
  - ➤ All KATUSA soldiers selected from applicants who have TOEIC score between 700 and 990 points
- 6 weeks of Basic Training at Nonsan Training Center
- ➤ 3 weeks of KATUSA Training Academy (KTA) at Cp Jackson
  - Considerations for assignment: Social career (college major, qualifications, etc), English capability, physical condition



### **ASSIGNMENT IN 21D**



- Sr. ROKA officer request new KATUSA soldiers based on the TDA (KATUSA Manning Document)
- MOS Assigned to KATUSA soldiers by the Commander of ROKA Support Group
- Assigned to units by SR ROKA Officer after 7 days of orientation & in-processing
- Assigned without MOS training
  - ► U.S. chain of command is responsible for training KATUSA soldiers within 90-180 days of assignment



## P L D C







#### PLDC



- Primary Leadership Development Course
  - Based on EUSA Reg. 600-2, Para 5-8
  - Select proper KATUSA soldiers who have the

potential for leadership and whose rank is CPL

and above

- Place : Camp Jackson
- KATUSAs have 28 slots out of 140 students

for each course (14 slots are allotted to



### MILITARY DISCIPLINE



- General
  - Not subject to the UCMJ because they are ROKA personnel
  - ▶ All punitive actions decided by ROKA STAFF Officers who are at BDE level or higher.
  - **US personnel CANNOT request the return of KATUSA to ROKA (can only request disciplinary board)**
- Punitive measures
  - Disciplinary training, extra duty (by ROKA STAFF)
  - **▶** Disciplinary board (controller: SR ROKA OFFICER)
  - > Judicial action (in case of criminal behavior)



### **LEAVES**



- Authority: SR. ROKA Officer IAW EUSA Reg 600-2
- Administrated by ROKA STAFF Officers/NCOs

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ORDINAR 35 (15, 10, 10) DAYS PROMOTION COMPASSIONAT 14 DAYS MAX OFFICIAL RECREATIONA REWARD

#### LENGTH

DETERMINED BY IAW ROKA POLICY AFTER ARDUOUS TNG IAW ROKA POLICY

#### REASON

MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc **OFFICIAL DUTY** 

**OUTSTANDING DUTY** 



CHRISTMAS DAT

### **HOLIDAYS**



Z D DEC

CDR may require KATUSA soldiers to work on ROK holidays (COMP TIME Required IAW EUSA Reg 600-2)

| TYPE                      | DATE        |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| NEW YEAR'S<br>N           | 1-2 JA      |
| * SUL-NAL<br>FEB          | 31 JAN-2    |
| INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT DAY | 1 M A R     |
| ARBOR DAY                 | 5 APRIL     |
| CHILDREN'S DAY            | 5 M A Y     |
| * BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY       | 8 M A Y     |
| MEMORIAL DAY              | 6 J U N     |
| CONSTITUTION DAY          | 17 J U L    |
| LIBERATION DAY            | 15 A U G    |
| * CHU-SOK                 | 10-12 S E P |
| ARMED FORCES DAY          | 1 OCT       |
| NATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY   | 3 OCT       |



### **PROMOTION**



- Controller: CDR. ROKA Support Group
- Promoted by ROKA promotion policy
  - Outstanding soldiers can be promoted 1 month earlier by SR ROKA Officer's

recommendation.

**► US CDRs can advise on promotion of KATUSA soldiers. US Chain of Command can request** 

|        | TOTAL | PVT | PFC | СР | SGT |
|--------|-------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| MONTH  | 24    | 6   | 6   | 8  | 4   |
| PERIOD |       |     | 6   | 1  | 20  |

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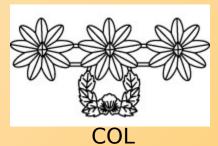
Officers





















### **KATUSA LOGISTICS**



- Responsibility of U.S. Army
  - **Billeting**
  - Dining Facilities
  - ► Issue of TA-50
  - **►** Issue of comfort kits
  - **►** Issue of hair-cut coupons
  - Transportation (for official duty), etc.

# Strengths of KATUSA Soldiers



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- KATUSA soldiers have high educational background
- KATUSA soldiers are familiar with admin work (computers, service support work)
- **▶** Bi-Lingual/Interpretor Capability
- ► KATUSA soldiers have better understanding of South and North Korea



# Difficulties Faced by KATUSA Soldiers



- Language Barrier
- Cultural differences between Korea and America
  - Smell of Korean food (garlic, Kimchi)
  - Lack of Korean food in DFACs
  - Loud Music
  - U.S. soldiers' prejudice
- **>JOB** 
  - Lack of formal training for MOS



# Difficulties Faced by KATUSA Soldiers



- Some of KATUSA soldiers lack selfconfidence and physical fitness.
  - Compared to their expectation, 2nd ID life is

hard.

- **▶** Need more motivation.
- ➤ KATUSA soldiers are not familiar with American customs and food



# HOW KATUSA SOLDIERS BENEFIT 21D



- Enhance the EUSA combat capability (18% of 2ID strength)
- Help adaptation to Korean way of life
- Enhance U.S. unit's mission performance and efficiency
- Provide liaison for English/Korean languages



# Conflicts Between US and KATUSA Soldiers



- Insufficient knowledge of each other's culture
- Disperate treatment to KATUSA soldiers
- Disrespect the rank of KATUSA soldiers

**Conflict can reduce combat capability** 



# **US/ROK Alliance**







# HOW CAN WE RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS?



- > Improve communications
- Make an effort to understand each other
- Try to help new KATUSA soldiers improve their duty performance.
- Treat KATUSA soldiers with dignity and respect, like US soldiers



### CONCLUSION



- KATUSA is a valuable asset to 2ID
  - Comprises almost 18% of the Division's strength
  - Bilingual speakers
- Continuous ROK/US relationship consolidating activities
  - Consolidating good